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COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THEIR APRIL MEETING.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their office at the Court House, April 2, 1906. Present: Wm. King, Chairman, C. Larson, D. W. Brown, E. F. Stick and J. H. Concanon. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Chairman signed pay-roll for the witnesses.

Firearm bond of T. M. Williams and permit issued.

Tax Collector and County Judge report licenses as follows: State \$1.00, county \$12.00. Total \$13.00.

Ordered that the following bills be paid: State of Florida vs. Robt. Vevers, case of insanity, be paid of general funds by the county; that the same be refunded to the county by the guardian of his estate, when such guardian shall be qualified. A. C. Freeman, Sheriff, \$137.40; A. C. Freeman, Sheriff, \$10.45; William Altman, \$18.75; H. A. Ragle, \$6.00.

County officials filed their respective reports. County Treasurer's report shows balance in treasury, general fund, \$1,486.19; special funds, \$4,624.03; Fine and forfeiture fund, \$258.11. Total, \$6,368.33.

SHERIFF'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, DeSoto County, Florida.

Gentlemen:—I herewith tender report for the month of March, 1906. The following prisoners are confined in the DeSoto County Jail during said month, I. E. Cooper, Kate Driggers, Kate Hunter, J. Daniels, Staten Johnson, Peterson Jones, McGinty Hill, Bond, Orlando Silcox, Maud Flor, Henry Williams, John Smith, Dave Smith, Arthur Pitts, M. Summeralls, George Peter, Robt. Veeres, Richard Henry, Bert Simmons, Jno. Young, Willardson, Louis Green, Jim. Beckman. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. FREEMAN, Sheriff.

REPORT OF H. C. SPARKMAN.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners: The following was disposed of in my court during the month of March: On March 20th, Geo. Peterson was arrested on charge of assault with intent to commit murder, waived preliminary examination and committed to jail to await action of grand jury, on failure to furnish \$1,000.

REPORT OF GEORGE W. McLANE.

I beg leave to report for March, 1906. March 8th, State vs. Alf. Peterson, exhibiting a pistol, fined \$10.00. March 23rd, State vs. Willardson, handling pistol carelessly, pleaded guilty, fined \$50.00 or 6 months, will have to work it in jail.

March 10th, Tom. Prevatt, gotten under false pretense, with a gun; March 26th, J. A. Chesser, carrying a pistol without a license, fined \$1.00 and costs. Paid.

Fines collected and paid over to B. Parker, County Treasurer, \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. McLANE.

REPORT OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT NO. 14.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners.—I have to report only two cases tried in the 14th District: Moses Tomlinson arrested on charge made by Deputy Sheriff Wm. Krause, of assault while drunk upon an officer of the law. Charge of assault was withdrawn, and charge of drunk and disorderly substituted; plead guilty and was fined \$3.00 and costs. Henry Tomlinson, arrested on charge of being drunk and cursing on the public street; plead guilty and fined \$3.00 and cost. Fines have been collected and paid to County Treasurer. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SARGENT.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners.—I beg leave to submit the following report of licenses and taxes collected by me during month ending March 31st, 1905:

General revenue.....	\$1990 55
School.....	4664 00
Road.....	5308 12
Fine and forfeiture.....	1327 03
Polls.....	386 00
Licenses.....	12 00
Punta Gorda, Sub District.....	288 24
Arcadia.....	186 54
Popash.....	26 28
Wauchula.....	161 13
Avon Park.....	18 00
Nocatee.....	84 90
Oak Hill.....	67 53
Lemon Grove.....	4 74
Bowling Green.....	36 99
Fort Green.....	38 57
Fort Bassenger.....	18 57
Total.....	\$904 20

Total amount collected for State.....2981 00

Total amount collected for State licences.....24 00

Drainage Tax.....257 75

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LANGFORD, T. C.

Bill for \$6.00, B. A. Wachob, for Ella Bright in Charlotte Harbor. Refused.

A road petition was received from citizens of Fort Ogden asking for a road to run as follows: Commencing in the street dividing the places of Dr. Smoke and Mr. Russell and running east to the A. C. L. railroad, and thence across the A. C. L. railroad east to the intersection of the new line running east to Laniers. Petition was filed and John Daughtry, John Thornton and George Noland were appointed as blazers.

A petition was received from citizens of Wauchula, asking that Wauchula and Avon Park road be changed from the river swamp northward to the corporation line of town of Wauchula, about a quarter of a mile. The petition filed and the following blazers appointed: W. M. Mitchell, G. W. Cason, W. A. Southerland.

The pension application of Emily J. Muller was presented and approved.

The committees to examine the different offices report said offices in good shape and recommend that chairs and blinds be furnished for Clerk's office.

The Sheriff is hereby authorized to have a fence put on north side of court yard to be used for lot for horses.

The Comptroller has hereby recommended that J. R. Sandlin be allowed to redeem certain lands at face value without interest.

Grand Lodge Knights of Honor are holding session in Gainesville this week.

NOT FOR DIVISION

RESULT OF MEETING HELD IN ARCADIA RECENTLY.

Persuant to call a large body of citizens met at the court house in Arcadia on Thursday night last to discuss the matter of county division and decide upon some line of action to fight the issue.

The meeting was called to order by J. L. Jones, who stated its purpose.

Walter Graham was then elected chairman and Levi McCullers and R. B. Child secretaries.

A vote of those favoring county division was asked for, but met with no response whatever. On the other side being called for the entire gathering expressed their disapproval of the division movement.

H. W. Smith, of Zolfo, was present and made the statement that the north end of the county was by no means unanimously in favor of county division.

F. B. McClelland, of Brownville, stated that his voting district was unanimous against county division.

It was moved and carried that the chair appoint a central committee of five from Arcadia, with sub-committees at each voting district to carry on the campaign against county division. The committee was appointed as follows:

J. H. Treadwell, Chairman; C. C. Chollar, J. L. Jones, R. B. Child, Frank Horton.

Contributions to carry on this campaign were then called for and \$800.00 was subscribed for this purpose. Walter Graham was made treasurer of this fund.

It was then moved and carried that another meeting be called by the committee at which all the anti-division forces of DeSoto county be invited to be present.

The meeting then adjourned.

County Politics.

The political pot is boiling at fever heat in DeSoto county. New candidates are bobbing up every day and some of them are bound to get hurt in the primaries. The only folks that are sure to come out and win are the newspapers, that get the Vs in advance.

If women could vote in Florida the W. C. T. U. votes would be cast in DeSoto county for Judge Cochran for representative; and all because of a plank in his platform that reads thus: "I am in favor of an amendment to the constitution that will secure to the people the right to vote for state prohibition."

THE CHAMPION takes pleasure in announcing that F. B. McClelland, of Brownville, is a candidate for member of the county school board. Mr. McClelland has been a resident of DeSoto county for sixteen years; for twelve years he taught school and has served two terms as justice of the peace and also as postmaster. He is therefore thoroughly capable of filling the office acceptably and with impartiality. His long residence and work in the school room has taught him the needs of our schools and we shall expect him to live up to that knowledge after elected. He has so far as we know no opponent.

John W. Burton, the bright young lawyer of Arcadia, who is now in the contest for representative from DeSoto county, offers a new feature in the list of issues he advocates—the establishment of a system of public abstracts. In this Mr. Burton is on the right track. This is a reform which the legislature should notice. Some plan should be devised whereby the state, at a low fee, would give an abstract of the title to property, and also guarantee the title.—Jacksonville Sun.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

In its proper column you will find the announcement of John L. Livingston for county commissioner from District No. 4. Mr. Livingston has been a resident of this county for a number of years, is a native of Florida, and is in many ways well qualified to fill the office for which he asks. He has many ardent supporters who want to see him elected.

H. C. Sparkman, candidate for representative in DeSoto county, is busy this week distributing his platform among the voters of the county. His platform is a good one.

Drainage Tax Deferred.

At a meeting of the Board of Drainage Commissioners held on this 4th day of April, 1906, the question of directing the tax collectors of the counties lying wholly or in part in the Drainage District to suspend the collection of the Drainage Assessment was considered, and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Tax Collectors of those counties lying wholly or in part within the Drainage District have been restrained from collecting a large part of the Drainage Assessments upon the suits of several corporations owning large quantities of land in the Drainage District, and

Whereas, Such restraining orders materially affect the collection of the State and county taxes proper, and

Whereas, the amounts collected by the tax collectors under Chapter 5377, laws of 1905, known as the Drainage act, will not be used by the Board of Drainage Commissioners until the final disposition of said suits in the court, and

Whereas, The Board of Drainage Commissioners have no power under said Act to suspend the collection of said drainage assessment and will not undertake to instruct the tax collectors to suspend the collection of the same to await the determination of said suits, and

Whereas, The enforcement of the collection of the Drainage Assessments will be a hardship upon those who are unable to institute suit to restrain the collection of same and also operates to retard the collection of the State and county taxes, thereby depriving the counties of funds for the administration of their affairs; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Drainage Commissioners deem it proper to advise the tax collectors that the Board will consent to the severance of the Drainage Assessments from the State and county taxes and that the collection of the Drainage Assessments be deferred until the final determination of the suits aforesaid.

St. Augustine is about to bond for an improved sewerage system.

NEWS OF FLORIDA

INTERESTINGLY TOLD FOR BUSY READERS.

Seabreeze has granted a franchise for a street railway.

The State W. C. T. U. is in session at Gainesville this week.

St. Augustine is having the annual golf tournaments this week.

The Florida Medical Association meet in Gainesville April 18, 19 and 20.

Two hundred carpenters in Tampa are on a strike in sympathy with the painters.

"Cracker Jax" is the name under which the base ball team will play this season.

Silk worm culture at Tebbals, under government direction is proving quite successful.

St. Petersburg's postoffice has been raised to second class. They expect to have free delivery.

The Key West extension to Flagler's railroad gives employment to over 4,000 workmen.

The auto tournament on the Atlantic Pablo beach commenced Tuesday. There is a large attendance.

Pensacola has sent out a sponge fleet of fourteen vessels. Pensacola will be the basing point of this enterprise.

Sanford is shipping from 5 to 10 carloads of celery and cabbage every day. Lettuce shipping is about over.

Pensacola has just sold to a Cincinnati firm \$300,000 worth of city bonds, the proceeds to be used for public improvements.

Col. T. J. L. Brown, for the past two years president of the Florida State Fair will probably be a candidate for mayor of Tampa.

Hastings shipped her first Irish potatoes for this season this week. The potatoes are fine, though the crop is not as large as was at first thought.

Evangelist Rev. Clarence B. Strouss is attracting great crowds at the skating rink in Jacksonville and we trust doing much and lasting good.

At last St. Augustine has a complete electric light service. This makes the "Ancient City" quite up to other Florida cities in the march of progress.

Coleman has already shipped over 80,000 crates of cabbage and will ship 100,000 crates before the season is over. They have netted over \$1.00 a crate so far. Quite a tidy sum.

J. B. Locky, tax assessor of Jackson county, in attempting to cross the railroad in front of a moving train was struck by the engine and instantly killed Sunday evening. He leaves a wife and seven children.